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SUBJECT: CSCE: INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

1. DURING THE MOST RECENT FIVE SESSIONS IN THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, POSITIONS WERE DRAWN MORE SHARPLY BUT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE. THE WEST DEFENDS THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF ALL INFORMATION. THE EAST PROCLAIMS ITS INTENTION TO INCREASE THE FLOW BUT NOT TO INCLUDE UNDESIRABLE INFORMATION. IN THE LAST SESSION BDFORE A FOUR DAY HIATUS, THE SOVDEL SUGGESTED MOVING THE DISCUSSION FROM PARA 47A (CIRCULATION AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) TO OTHER ASPECTS WHILE THOSE DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD SUBMITTED PAPERS WOULD REWRITE THEM IN PROPOSAL FORM. WE WOULD THEN, HE NOTED, BE CLOSER TO DRAFTING WHEN WE RETURNED TO 47A. WHILE HE WAS REBUFFED ON BOTH COUNTS BY NEUTRALS AND NATO MEMBERS, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT AFTER ANOTHER SESSION OR TWO ON 47A THE DISCUSSION WILL MOVE ON TO RETURN AT A LATER DATE.

2. AS PART OF THEIR EFFORT TO BOLSTER THEIR POSITION SOVIET BLOC ATTEMPTED TO GET SPECIAL STATUS FOR EUROPEAN CULTURAL MINISTERS REPORT (JUNE 72) BUT WERE THWARTED
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BY THE SWISS. THIS REPORT NOT ONLY MAKES THE REQUIRED

OBEISANCES TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUT SUPPORTS THE THEME OF DISSEMINATING ONLY "CONSTRUCTIVE" CULTURE AND INFORMATION. (RECOMMENDATION NO. 3, I, 2 CALLS ON EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES "TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT THEIR NATIONAL CULTURE FROM FORMS OF PRODUCTION WHICH DISSEMINATE IDEAS OF HATRED AND ENMITY BETWEEN NATIONS, WAR, VIOLENCE, AND RACISM, HAVING PARTICULAR REGARD TO THEIR CORRUPTING INFLUENCE ON YOUTH.") SAME THEME HAS BEEN STRESSED IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON CULTURE BUT THIS BODY SPECIFICALLY CHARGED BY HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS TO BEAR IN MIND THE RESULTS OF THE "INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES IN EUROPE."

3. RADIO LIBERTY (RL) WAS ATTACKED ONCE DURING THE WEEK BY THE SOVDEL IN RESPONSE TO A FRG REPUDIATION OF JAMMING IN THE COURSE OF SUPPORTING THE UK PAPER ON RADIO/TV.BASSIN

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